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FOR: EB/TRP - THOMAS O'DONNELL

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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA),
PROVISIONAL ENTRY INTO FORCE AND MEMBERSHIP AS
OF 1/1/78

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1. THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) INFORMED
THE EMBASSY THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF EXPORTERS AND
IMPORTERS (GOVERNMENTS HOLDING 55 PERCENT OF THE

EXPORTING VOTES AND 65 PERCENT OF IMPORTING VOTES) HAD
SIGNED THE 1977 AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE ISA OF 1977 TO
PROVISIONALLY ENTER INTO FORCE. THE ISO SUPPLIED THE
FOLLOWING LIST OF SIGNATORIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978:
EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELIZE,
BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, CUBA, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, GUATEMALA,
HUNGARY, INDIA, JAMAICA, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS, MEXICO,
NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PERU, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-
ANGUILLA, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND, THAILAND, TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO, VENEZUELA.

IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

CANADA, FINLAND, JAPAN, KOREA (REPUBLIC OF), NEW ZEALAND,
SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED
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STATES OF AMERICA.

2. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO DEPOSITED THEIR
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL:
EXPORTERS:

BARBADOS, FIJI, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS, PERU, SOUTH
AFRICA, SWAZILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

IMPORTERS.

CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

3. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES OF THOSE WHICH HAVE SIGNED
HAVE NOTIFIED THE U.N. THAT PENDING THE DEPOSIT OF THEIR
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS THEY WILL APPLY THE AGREEMENT
PROVISIONALLY:

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELIZE, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, CUBA,
EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, INDIA, JAMAICA, NICAR-
AGUA, PANAMA, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, THAILAND,

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VENEZUELA, FINLAND, JAPAN, REP. OF KOREA, SWEDEN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

4. IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SIGNED THE ISA HAVE NOT YET NOTIFIED THE UN LEGAL OFFICE THAT THEY WILL APPLY THE AGREEMENT PROVISIONALLY: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, GUYANA, HAITI, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, MALAWI, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, UGANDA, BULGARIA, EGYPT, KENYA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SINGAPORE, YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA AND BANGLADESH. THESE COUNTRIES WILL BECOME MEMBERS UPON DEPOSIT OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL, OR PROVISIONAL MEMBERS UPON NOTIFICATION THAT THEY WILL APPLY THE AGREEMENT PROVISIONALLY.
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5. NOTEWORTHY BY ITS ABSENCE IS COLOMBIA. COLOMBIA FOUGHT HARD AND LONG (ALONG WITH MEXICO) DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN ISA FOR A SPECIAL STATUS AS A TRADITIONAL EXPORTER TEMPORARILY OUT OF THE MARKET. ITS FAILURE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT NOW WOULD NECESSITATE ITS

ACCEDING AT A LATER DATE, A SOMEWHAT CUMBERSOME PROCESS. COLOMBIAN EMBASSY REP IN LONDON SAYS HE IS URGING GOVERNMENT TO SIGN ASAP. THE SIGNATURE BUT NON-APPLICATION BY MEXICO ALSO PUTS THE GOM IN AN UNENVIABLE POSITION SINCE MEXICO SEEMS EAGER TO PROVE IT IS EXPANDING OUTPUT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS QUOTA IN THE ISA. ALSO, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REP. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE NOT SIGNED. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN MEMBERS OF PREVIOUS ISAS. ETHIOPIA AND BULGARIA ARE NEW MEMBERS, TO THE DELIGHT OF THE ISO. THE SIGNATURE AND PROVISIONAL APPLICATION BY THAILAND IS ALSO A RELIEF TO THE ISO STAFF.

6. FOR MANILA: THE PHILIPPINES WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO SIGN THE ISA OF 1977, EMPLOYING SOME FANFARE IN THE PROCESS (I.E. AMB. BENEDICTTO FLYING TO NEW YORK TO SIGN). THE FAILURE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EVEN PROVISIONALLY APPLY MAKES THEIR ACTION APPEAR SOMEWHAT ODD AND LEAVES SOME DOUBTS AS TO THEIR REAL INTENTIONS. SINCE THE DELAY IN PHILIPPINE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION IS PROBABLY DUE TO TECHNICAL FACTORS, IT MIGHT BE OPPORTUNE FOR EMBASSY MANILA TO NOTE THE SURPRISE OF OTHER ISA MEMBERS WITH THE FACT THAT THE GOP HAS NOT YET EVEN PROVISIONALLY APPLIED THE 1977 ISA, THEREBY EXCEPTING ITSELF FROM MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

7. FOR CAIRO: THE FACT THAT EGYPT HAS NEITHER RATIFIED NOR INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO APPLY THE AGREEMENT PROVISIONALLY COULD PROVE AWKWARD SINCE EGYPT SEEMS THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SUGAR COUNCIL UNDER THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW AGREEMENT (CHOICE THIS YEAR SHOULD BE UP TO CONSUMERS BY VIRTUE OF TRADITION). HOWEVER, EGYPT HAS NOT COMPLETED THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP AND UNLESS IT DOES SO BY THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, JANUARY 16, THE CONSUMERS MUST LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR A SUITABLE CANDIDATE. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL (C), EGYPT'S LONDON REP, FIRST SECRETARY SAYED M. EL-SAYED EL-BOUS, HAS BEEN APPROACHED AND HAS INFORMED US HE HAS GOTTEN PERMISSION TO STAND FOR THE OFFICE. EL-BOUS BELIEVES EGYPT'S FAILURE SO FAR TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRY THROUGH WITH MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES IS A TECHNICAL MATTER ONLY AND HE HAS CABLED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

URGING THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR
UN REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK (HE WOULD WELCOME ANY
SUPPORT WE MIGHT LEND IN CONTACTS WITH AUTHORITIES IN
CAIRO). THE U.S. HAS BEEN SUPPORTING HIS CANDIDACY.
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